February 27, 1950

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

I find that I never answered your letter of December 6, 1949, but have been quite involved since then. I had a big blowout for my tenth anniversary, and almost immediately thereafter several members of the family became ill and I have been spending most of my time trying to entertain them.

Numismatically I have been working on State Bank Notes again to help your friend Marckhoff complete his article on Texas. Life Magazine tells me they are going to publish a Kansas note of mine shortly, but seeing is believing.

Incidentally, please let me know what different dates of blue sheets of Continentals you have. I happen to have a duplicate of the 1778 issue, but I assume you have that one. I have been working on my Colonial coins lately, as well as my Hard Times tokens, in view of the fact that these series seem to be temporarily unpopular. About the only new Colonial note I have added is a peculiar South Carolina note of 1776, printed in red and black, which is three times as tall as it is wide. In the old Scott's list it is indicated that this item is not known, but it wouldn't surprise me if you had it.

As far as finding the names of old cities which no longer exist, I find it convenient to use a Gazetteer published in 1850. If you will give me a list of the names of the cities which bother you I will be glad to look them up and give you the data.. I have had the same problem.

If the sea urchins are handy I would enjoy sending my friend any of those which you can send me.

You have no idea how lucky you are to be retired and doing work on your hobby all the time while I struggle with mundane things. Best regards to you.

Sincerely,

EPN/me

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
ORMOND BEACH
FLORIDA

Apr. 28, 1950.

Dear Eric:

Started in a week ago to write you a letter, had it in the machine and the salutation already written, then something turned up which held me up temporarily and wound up in bed the next day and have been pretty much under the weather ever since. Am now on the mend but none too ambitious but as that is a naturel condition with me, I do not worry too much.

Had a long letter from Fred Marckhoff in which he raves at great length about your obsolete note collection. It does sound interesting and some day I would like to see part of it. That is one series which always appealed to me and I did work up into a couple of thousand notes at one time, mostly Ohio but a good representation of some of the other states. Then after getting a look at the collection in the Western Reserve Historical Society, who purchased Henry Chapman's private collection while he was still alive, I decided that it was a pretty ambitious series to collect. I finally disposed of everything except Ohio, then sold those to a collector in Cincinnati and the balance to Jim Macallister. Kept only the Cleveland notes which I donated to the W R H S a few yeara ago. I have since picked up a few Ohio notes and have gone in strong for Florida since coming down here but that is the extent of my collection except for a highly specialized branch of that series which I started the first of the year.

Maybe I mentioned this in my last letter but I got the crazy idea of forming a collection of obsolete notes with odd denominations and odd media of re-deemable exchange, so with nothing else to do I started picking up a notes here and there and now have a nice range from one cent to one thousand dollars. Still lack a few odd dollar denominations which I know exist but I'll get them some time. If you have anything odd which you think might fill in, I would like to hear from you.

I only have two sheets of the blue Continentals and one of them is the 1778 issue. I have seen sheets or parts of sheets of every issue, including the Yorktowns, so they were all issued. Seems to me that a few years ago you exoppcted to pick up some of the blue sheets and were going to let me know.

Can't help you on the Hard Time Tokens except for the Loomis Token of Cleveland. I do have a duplicate of that if you don't have it and will be glad to send it for your approval. Just let Stu Misher have my other duplicate.

The South Carolina note of the Mar. 6, 1776 issue sounds interesting. They are far from common. Were issued in the following denominations: 1s3d, 2s6d, 3s9d, 5s, 6s3d, 12s6d, 17s6d, ~~xxxx~~ L1 10s, L115s, L2, L2 5s, L3, L15, L25, L50, L100. The last four are quite common but the small denominations are scarce. I have five of them.

Think I have located all of the Florida cities which were giving me trouble. An article in the Historical Society Quarterly helped on most of them. I will keep your Gazetteer in mind however. By the way, do you have any early Florida currency from the period before 1861? I would appreciets a list of it or to examine the notes if you have any I do not have and I am also going to list a few Federal Reserve Notes on your fair city which I neglected to pick up when they could be picked up and now are hard to get. Maybe you gan pick them up for me. I can use;

$5.00 denomination only, small size, green seal Federal Reserve Notes:

Series 1928 A- Woods and Mellon

" 1928 B- " "

" 1934 A- Julian and Morganthau

" 1934 B- Julian and Vinson

" 1934 C- Julian and Snyder

" 1934 D- Clarke and Snyder

The latter two are still or rather, are current but would appreciate you picking up nice crisp specimens of them for me and the best you can locate in any of the others. If you have to pay a premium for the early ones it will be O K with me for I just neglected to get them when the getting was good. I attempt to get a five dollar note on each of the twelve banks and in each series that comes out. I lack a number on Kansas City and Frisco, also Minneapolis, but hope to pick them up some day. Have there been any $10.00 silver certificates floating around your part of the country. If the answer is yes and you can pick up any crips ones I would like half a dozen each of series 1934 B-C-D. They are signed by Julian and Vinson, Julian and Snyder, and Clarke and Snyder and have not been issued down here. If you know any one at the Federal Reserbe Bank th y may be able to hold them for you.

Hope your Kansas note makes Life Magazine and will watch for it. That kind of publicity will be worth several thousand dollars but may also locate for you some very worth while material. The rest of us have to get our stuff the hard way. Well, good luck and best wishes. Oh yes, if I can get my better half to package up some sea urchins for me this coming week, I will ship you a package. They are pretty brittle and break easy but we may be able to get some of them thru. Write when you get the chance and I hope you can locate some of the notes I list above.

Cordially yours,

Harlan

Excuse please

~~$5.00 denomination notes only, small size, green seal, Federal Reserve Notes of the 1928 A series, Woods-Mellon, 1928 B, Woods-Mellon, 1934 A, Julian-Morganthau,~~

May 3, 1950

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
353 South Atlantic Avenue
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

It was very nice to hear from you in your letter of April 28 and I hasten to reply.

As far as odd denominations are concerned, I am sending you the list from my notebook which gives you the odd denominations, and, as you see, I have been working on it for quite awhile. You may get some suggestions as to different items you could obtain. In my duplicates I have a $6, $7, $8 and $9 Peoples' Bank of Patterson, a $25 Mississippi & Alabama Railroad, a 20¢ Mount Pleasant apothecary store, a 30¢ City of Richmond, a $13 1/3 Colonial Virginia, and a $55 Colonial Virginia. I presume you have all these denominations.

Please return the sheets I am enclosing as soon as you have finished with them.

I would like very much for you to send me for examination all of your South Carolina notes which contain Hebrew letters to prevent them from being counterfeited. This includes the issue of March 6, 1776. In my own collection I have all of the December 27, 1776 issue except the $20, and would like to examine it. I believe these are the only two issues which contain Hebrew letters.

I will go to work on the Federal Reserve Banknotes at my first opportunity.

The Kansas note was in the March 6 issue of Life Magazine, but since they did not mention my name I have nothing to be concerned about.

I have six sheets of Continental Blue Notes, but I imagine they are so scarce that my chances of ever getting any more are few.

Will write you again shortly.

Sincerely,

EPN/mw

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
ORMOND BEACH
FLORIDA

May 8, 1950.

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Just on a two day drive to catch up with my correspondence and am now pretty well cleaned up to date, so, while in the mood I will reply to your latter of the 3rd, return your record sheets, and loan you my South Carolina notes which might contain that which you are after but your knowledge of Hebrew will have to be better than my own.

I am enclosing seven of the small notes of the March 6, 1776 issue. Also five of the notes of Oct. 19, 1776, which appear to have Hebrew letters on the reverse. Maybe they are Greek, I never studied that language and flunked Latin and have had a Hell of a time with English ever since. The only Hebrew I can recognize is the "Kosher" signs in restaurants.

Appreciate you sending me the odd-denomination list of your notes. You have included the Colonials and Continentals, which I did not but I can easily add them, however, I had planned to stick to currency issued since 1800. I do not have any of the modern sales tax items and lack the following denominations which you list:

1-1/9¢. 3-1/3¢, 7¢, 12¢, 37½¢, ~~25¢~~, $30.00, $200.00, $300.00, and the two three, and five thousand dollar notes. I do have a 70¢ note, which you do not list and think I can pick you up one of them as two were offered me. I have records of 18-3/4¢, ~~$10.00~~ $11.00, $12.00, notes but have not been able to locate any.

If you care to send me your duplicate 20¢, and the two Virginia notes, wich you list, I may keep them. I have recently been trying to make head or tails out of the various letters on Virginia notes and have been picking up all notes on that colony which turn up. Should have done that years ago for I have handled a great many Va. notes in the past twenty years. If you do run across any other odd denomination currency, whcih you are not interested in, keep me in mind.

Just noticed you ask for the $20.00, S.C. Dec. 23, 1776 note so am including that along with the others.

Hope you have a little luck on the Federal Reserve Bank notes and will take the early issues in the best condition that you can get them.

Cordially yours,

Harley

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
ORMOND BEACH
FLORIDA

Aug. 4, 1950.

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Your two books of Florida notes arrived a few days ago and I would like to keep them long enough to photostat a few of the notes. The plate letters are different than some of my own and thne there are a couple of notes which are new varieties to me. Will return them shortly.

I am enclosing the best specimen of the 1934 A, $10.00 Silver certificate which I could pick up. They have not been issued down here and I got this out of circulation up in Cleveland. They were not issued up there either. I hope that will off-set the 1934 C which you sent me. I am also enclosing the best 1934B which I have located but do have more of these coming and may be able to locate you a better. At any rate, this will cost you face value so you can not lose too much on the note. Even if you do get a crisp one I suggest holding this as they will be scarce some day. I have letters from several other collectors, all looking for this note.

To try to off-set the three notes of yours which you sent me, the 20¢ items, which by the way I saw in quantity a short time ago, and the two Virginia notes, I am enclosing a few broken banks, a Confederate, and seventeen Philipine guerrilla notes. Don't know if you bother with this series, if not, just send them back. They are not common.

Hope you have a nice vacation and if you would consider swaping or selling some of those Florida notes, I would make an effort to find something of interest for you.

Yours truly,

Harley

June 28, 1950

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
353 South Atlantic Avenue
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

I have had no end of problems during the last month and therefore could not work on our hobby. I have not been living at home since we are undertaking reconstruction of a portion of our house, so please excuse the delay.

I am enclosing all of the South Carolina notes you sent me and which I appreciated seeing very much. Apparently Hebrew letters, Greek letters and miscellaneous other type were used merely to prevent counterfeiting. They are all meaningless.

As you requested, I am enclosing a 20¢ note of the Mount Pleasant Apothecary Store. I do not have a 70¢ note and wonder what particular issue it is.

As far as Federal Reserve Banknotes are concerned, I have only been able to obtain Series 1934 C of the $5.00, same being enclosed herewith. I am also enclosing an uncirculated $10.00 silver certificate Series 1934 C, which you requested.

You asked me to send you the two Virginia notes, $55.00 and $13 1/3, and they are enclosed herewith. I do not know what you might have which I could use in exchange for them, but you probably have Georgia items of equivalent rarity.

I am also sending to you in longhand certain data on Florida banks which I copied from Banknote Lists, as this might be of help to you. My own collection of Florida banknotes is so poor that I am ashamed. I am enclosing a longhand notation of those.

If you can send me a 1934 A silver certificate in exchange for the C, that would be fine. The B series are rather scarce and I do not have one either.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/mw

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
ORMOND BEACH
FLORIDA

two hundred feet away. As long as the power holds out it is not too bad but everything we have is electrically powered. Guess I better take a shower and shave while the water is hot for the way it going now the power lines can not hold out long. We have flash lamps and kerosene lamps, just in case. Also Sterno to cook by and usually draw plenty of water, just in case the water supply fails, which it did three years ago and was off for three days. According to the radio reports they took a pretty good beating over on the Gulf coast, yesterday afternoon and last nite but that one has just about blown out. What we must be getting now must be the big on going by out in the Atlantic.

Hope you had a nice vacation, you were preparing to leave with your last letter. We have been no where this summer, too nice around here, but will probably make a dash for one of the Gulf beaches, just as soon as these storms are over, and see what luck we have with shells. The high tides wash the live one in and shelling is usually good.

Will sign off now tho I may not get a chance to post this today. Have about four more that I hope to write. Thanks again for the loan of your notes and hope that my notes appeal to you enough for an exchange.

Cordially,

Harley

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
ORMOND BEACH
FLORIDA

July 16, 1950.

Dear Eric:

Your letter and the notes arrived in good order. Sorry there was nothing of much interest on the South Carolina notes but my own impression was that the various designs and lettering was only to make it hard to counterfeit. The notes themselves are quite scarce.

Now for those you sent me on approval. I can use the 20¢ Apothecary Store but you did not price same. I can also use the two Virginia colonials but a short time ago I sent some forty Georgia notes to a friend up north and he kept the entire lot. I am enclosing what few Georgia duplicates I have left and if you can find anything of equivelant value and of interest, make you selection. If there is nothing here and you care to put a figure on the notes, I will mail you a check.

I am very pleased to get the $10.00 Silver Certificate, 1934 C but may have a little trouble in getting you a strictly crisp 1934 A in exchange. The A series was issued with both blue seal and with gold seal for the African invasion, as you probably know. The gold seal were quite common but I have only picked up a few of the blue seals and they were all from circulation. I have several coming to me from the Federal Reserve Bank in Cleveland and I may be able to find one good enough for you. I only have one 1934 B note and that too came from a bank. Have several parties who are in a position to look for them, trying to pick me up some nice ones but so far have not been able to find which Federal branch issued them. They were not issued in New York, Cleveland, Dallas, or Atlanta so they may have come from the west coast, however I have had Ralph Mitchell and a couple of dealers out there on the lookout and they have not spotted any as yet. Anyway, I owe you a 1934 A if I can get a nice one. a $5.00 note is enclosed for the Federal Reserve Note you included.

Now one other request. Are your Florida notes in condition to allow me to examine them? That is, are they mounted or housed so that it would not disrupt things too much to mail them to me. I have been trying to re-construct the plates of the Florida issues and have been cheking for plate letters, engravers, signatures, dates, etc. The Chase bank has photostated all of their Florida notes for me and so have two other museums and several private collectors have allowed me to check thier collections. You have one or two which may be varieties and a couple which I would like to see. I thank you for the memo on the Florida banks copied from the old bank note lists, One of those banks was not supposed to issue notes.

Am trying to pick up a 70¢ note for you. It was on the City of Richmond, Va., as I recall, I do not have my notes here at present, but I have written to two dealers and make locate another. Also have a nice 87½¢ note on South Carolina which I prize considerably.

Thanks again foreverything and let me hear from you between remodelings.

Cordially,

Harley

July 27, 1950

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

If you find a 1934B $10 silver certificate for me, even from circulation, I will appreciate it. I have no idea where they were issued, unless it was from Washington, D. C.

If you can pick up a 70¢ note for me in exchange for the 20¢ note, that would be more than satisfactory.

I am returning herewith your Georgia notes. As a matter of fact, the 2 shilling 6 pence of 1776, the $2 of June 8, 1777, and the $1 of September 10, 1777 are not in my collection but their condition is such that I am not very enthused about acquiring them. The $55 Virginia note which I sent you is in perfect condition and the $13-1/3 is such an unusual denomination that I ought to get some rather nice items in exchange. You will find something in due course.

With respect to my Florida notes, I will send them to you when I return from my vacation, but I would like to know whether you want me to send the Florida state notes or not. I have a complete collection of Florida state notes with the exception of the $500 note.

My kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/mw

EPN/mw

July 28, 1950

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
353 South Atlantic Avenue
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

I changed my mind and am forwarding to you under separate cover my complete collection of Florida paper money and certain information with respect thereto. Please return it at your convenience.

Sincerely,

EPN/mw

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
ORMOND BEACH
FLORIDA

Sept. 6, 1950.

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

I don't know how to thank you for the loan of your Florida notes and the opportunity to look them over, but I assure you your kindness was appreciated. I had some little trouble in getting photostats made of the notes which I lack. The only outfit in Daytona Bea ch which had such facilities, sold the machine some time ago for want of work to keep it busy. Then one of the young ladies who was with the outfit, started in for herself, making photo copies instead of photostats. She however, refused to copy the notes for fear she would be violating the law and I could not convince her to the contrary. I thne drove down to New Smyrna Bea ch, some fifteen miles south and a man down there made photocopies for me but did rather a horrible job, most of them being out of focus, however, they will have to suffice and they at least give me a picture of the plate letters.

I probably messed up your arrangement of the notes in your holders but put them back in the order that Marckhoof lists them. Along with the notes I have included markers, of notes which I lack. Those with the (X) in blue are the ones which I am most interested in. Now I am enclosing, four of my duplicates, which I would like to talk you into exchanging for any of your notes which you are willing to swap and I'll leave the exchange to you, or, if you do not care to change any of your notes, return mine. If you care to dispose of more of your Florida notes and I have anything else which might appeal to you, maybe we can do additional exchanging, for I am quite anxious to complete as far as possible, the Florida series, especially to show the arrangement of the notes as they were originally printed in sheets.

Today is a good day to catch up in correspondence for we are just sitting here waiting out the hurricane, if it should hit around Daytona Bea ch. The small one is blowing it'self out south about fifty miles and we are having strong gusts and driving rain. The large one is about seven hundred miles off shore and just about opposite here and the surf is getting rougher by the minute. Radio reports estimate one hundred foot waves out at sea but they are only running around ten feet off shore. We are well boarded up and have canned heat and plenty of food in the house but it gets darn monotonous just sitting here with most of the windows boarded, the wind and rain howling, and little that one can do. Boy, it is really going to ~~twon~~ now. Rain is so heavy that I can hardly see the ocean,

September 18, 1950

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
353 South Atlantic Avenue
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

Parting with items in my collection is a psychological block for me but you deserve it as you have more time between hurricanes to see it. In any event, for the four Florida items you sent me I am sending you five -- the reason for my adding an extra is because the condition of mine is not what one would call crisp. As you get other Florida bills in the future you can trade them for mine, as plate letters and signatures and other items do not mean enough for me.

I am not too interested in Philippine guerrilla money, but I don't know anything about their value as all of mine were given to me. I am holding three to trade for the 20¢ Mt. Pleasant. If they are worth more tell me and I will return what is right to be even. As the matter stands I owe you $10.00 and you have $13-1/3 and $55 Virginia. Do you have any Missouri nationals you will part with as the Virginia colonials are really nice, the former as to denomination, the latter as to condition. Preferably I would like the Virginias back if you don't really need them, unless you have something else I can use.

Just saw the St. Louis Open Golf Tournament and your pro, Dr. Cary Middlecoff, just tied for the lead by shooting a beautiful 65. He is a superb golfer and as steady and perfect as any of the big guns.

I have started a new collection to compete with your shells as hobby No. 2. I like atlases of America in the early period, principally before 1825. The geography intrigues me and I am specially interested in those published in United States. I am decidedly amateurish in my taste and knowledge but am working to learn.

My duties are wearing me down and I am no longer a man of some leisure. My father-in-law isn't well and has moved in with us. I believe I told you I undertook to be President of a school board, and now the Director of the school gives me his problems daily. With my work, bridge games and a little exercise I am lucky to see my children.

My best to you, and I am glad you liked my Florida collection.

Sincerely,

EPN/mw

P.S. I believe Muscalus would like the Ames Business College notes.

E.P.N.

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
ORMOND BEACH
FLORIDA

Sept. 21, 1950.

Mr. Eric Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Had an early dinner at home tonite so am taking advantage of a long evening and catching up in some correspondence. Not that your letter or my reply is late this time, for I received your last yesterday, but you suggested a trade which in my weaker moments as well as your own, might be of mutual benfit to both of us. You suggested Missouri nationals as trading material.

Well, here is the situation . I have never traded or sold a National Bank note which I did not have a duplicate of and never thought I would. I sent you a list of all my Missouri notes some time ago so you probably know what I have. Also, I have not added a Missouri note to my collection in about three years and probably have little chance of doing so with you on the active market. For that matter, I would not run you up on one if one was offered at auction. I am interested in Florida bank notes. Would also like to obtain a first charter note from my state if I knew where one could be found but have never hears of one, so will settle for B.B. notes and scrip. My Missuori notes are not doing me a darn but of good and your Florida notes are not of too much interest to you, except for types of that state so I'll make you some sort of trade of notes you lack for notes that I would like to have from your collection.

You have all of the notes marked, which I was interested in . I was pleased with the five notes you sent me, altho you came out a little the better on the condition than I, however, I am not complaining for I was glad to get the five notes and the whole idea was mine. I have no other Florida material to offer at this time but may have some soon, however, I still think you would be more interested in nationals. The only hitch is this. Florida currency costs on the market, from one dollar, or even less, but say from one dollar to three dollars. I think I have only two notes in my entire collaction which cost more than that. My Missouri nationals have cost me from twelve to forty dollars each and would probably bring all of that, if not more, if put on the market today. You have some sixteen or eighteen notes which I had slips in, besides the five you sent me. Do you want to make a list of Missouri notes, from my list, which you lack, let me make a selection of say three or four from that list, and make you an offer for the balance of your Florida notes which I am interested in? Think it over. Like yourself, I hate like the devil to part with anything which I do not have duplicates of but I do believe, right now at least, I am more interested in Florida B.B. Notes.

As for your other notes, I am returning the two Virginia notes. You seem to want them more than I, and I may have a lot of one hundred or more of these same notes shortly. The guerrilla money cost me an average of $1.25 each, some as high as $3.00, so frankly, I think one of them as equal to the 20¢, for Du Bose, in his recent list offered the Mount Pleasant note in crisp condition for 60¢. I'll settle for one of the guerrilla for the note of yours and you can have the others for a doller each if you want them. Now Mr. Newman, it's your move.

Cordially yours, Harley

October 2, 1950

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
353 South Atlantic Avenue
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

The Bank of Jacksonville seemed to have gone broke early enough so that its notes could be readily altered into New England banks, and I have been going through my collection to find what notes were so altered. I have found a couple and that pleases me highly.

Just to show how absent minded I am, I believe I lost one of your Phillippine notes, unless I sent back to you one more than I should have. In any event, I am returning two of them. Maybe the third will show up, but if you have a record of what you sent me I would appreciate your checking it to see whether I have now returned all of them. I am also enclosing my check for $10.00.

Mr. Dillistin has just written me that he is going to spend a day with me on his way to Kansas City and, as in the past, we will talk paper money from beginning to end. Abe Kosoff spent a day with me and we talked Colonial coins. Mr. Barrett, of Tulsa, spent a day with me and wants a considerable amount of material for an exhibit in Boys Town. Now you can see what you miss by retiring to the hurricane zone. At least, however, you are certainly near the source of supply as far as shells are concerned. I was looking at television the other day and saw that in parts of the world where the tides are high collectors of shells and students of marine life dash after the tide as it goes out and discover all sorts of fascinating items. If I did that I am sure that I would not leave until after the tide came in again, and then it might be too late.

I have been working for quite sometime on a paper on the imitation British half pence which were made at Machins Mills, New York, and have been trying to assemble all of the half pence dated after 1775 up to 1788. I am studying the die varieties of them and just acquired a few more. The trouble with finding them is that they are in everybody's junk heap, unclassified, and I have to buy George III half

pence in job lots, or any other way, hoping to find those I want. I just bought 107 in one lot and found 7 American made ones. I think you will be interested in how I proved they were made in America, since the British were imitating these half pence in fantastic amounts.

My very best wishes.

Sincerely,

EPN/mw

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
ORMOND BEACH
FLORIDA

Nov. 1, 1950.

Mr. Eric P. Newman
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Finally getting around to writing a few letters after a rather hectic week during the hurricane. Sort of took a beating around here altho the papers mentioned only Miami and Miami Beach. We had had a two day nor' easter with very high tides and no warning that the blow would strike here, in fact the radio raports all said that Daytona would be bypassed. Then, with the power off, two radio stations off, and the tide at high, the blow came. They say it passed forty miles to the west of us but it sure did a darn good fringe job. I don't believe a house in Daytona or Ormond did not have a leak somewhere. Half the roofs were damaged, some blown off entirely, water came in thru windows and doors, around the putty, weather stripping in some cases as if they were not there. I know some houses that had three inches of water, just from the rain. Every sea wall along the beach was damaged or washed out. Fortunatly ours held tho the side wings went down. Front windows all leaked and Mrs. F. and myself are just getting over sore muscles from sopping up water. Well, we are lucky after seeing some of the damage to other places.

Have checked over the Guerrilla notes and am not just sure how many I mailed you so am enclosing one of the two you returned in exchange for the 20¢ note you mailed me some time ago. That, I believe, bring us up to date on all of our exchanging.

Was interested in your remarks about the Bank of Jacksonville and would like to see one of the notes you have which were altered. I don't think I have ever seen them. Have added nothing new since our last exchange of of letters and now that the two martinies have worn off am inclined to think that my offer to exchange Nationals for Broken Bank notes was not so wise, much as I like Flrorida early banks. If I do locate any Florida notes which you do not have, I may take you up on your offer to exchange with me.

Recently had a lot of about one hundred Virginia colonials offered me and found a few which I would have liked. The owner however considered my offer too low so will keep them. The great majority of them were duplicates and in poor condition. An eastern dealer writes that he has a rather large collection of Colonials so I have told him to ship them on for examination. I'ts funny where all these old hoards come from altho I know that some of the eastern museums have bundles of them in their store rooms. Has Wayte Raymond contacted you of late? He is showing a little interest in some articles on Colonial paper.

Regards and write when the spirit moves.

Cordially,

Harley

November 22, 1950

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
353 South Atlantic Avenue
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of November 1, 1950 and your exciting description of the hurricane.

As requested, I am enclosing herewith my $1 and $2 notes of the Bank of Jacksonville along with two alterations, one the Union Bank of Boston, Mass. on the $1 and the Bank of Hallowell, Maine on the $2 note. These will, of course, be interesting to you, and I will appreciate their return when they have served your purpose.

I never knew how I loved my coins until the other day when all of my Connecticut cents were missing. We had remodeled our house and I had put the coins in the dining room while the portion where they are usually kept was being remodeled. I had no recollection that I took a small group of coins to study them, and when my wife told me to get dressed to go out I put them in the bathroom linen closet and forgot about them. I ransacked my house from end to end trying to find the coins and, after one week of sleepless nights, our maid told me where these coins were. I believe she was afraid to tell me because she didn't think that she was supposed to know that I had put them there. The thing that hurt me most was that I had some of Dr. Hall's Connecticut Cents, which are the best specimens in existence of certain varieties in this group. It was not the money involved, as I had insurance, but the irreplaceability. I was already lining up my duplicates to see how many I could replace with inferior specimens.

I am also enclosing a $5 Federal Reserve Note Series 1934-D which you may be able to use, and you can send me a $5 bill in exchange for it.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/mw
Encs.

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
ORMOND BEACH
FLORIDA

Nov. 29, 1950.

Dear Eric:

Nice job of detecting on those two notes. I have always been under the impression that the companies who engraved the old state and private bank notes had a number of standard forms from which the various banks made their selection and then a small or false plate was set in, very much the way type was filled in, and the issue made. From a close examination of your four notes it looks to me that the Jacksonville notes were probably the first one run, then the notes were re-engraved for the New EnglandBanks, just the way you said. The re-engraving is quite obvious in a number of places. Very interesting and thanks for allowing mw to examine them. I can see now why I have not invoked any interest in your wanting to trade me those Jacksonville notes so they are herewith enclosed.

I can appreciate your feeling when you misplaced those Connecticut cents, I have done the same thing on a number of occasions and it sort of leaves a hollow feeling in one's stomach untill the material shows up. I can recall the time George Blake called on us when we were visiting in New York and staying at the Park Central. George called me from the desk to see if we were in, then came up to the twenty second floor, started to greet Mrs. F. and myself and then turned white as a sheet, dashed out without a word and headed for the elevator. He was back within five minutes, meanwhile we were wondering what had happened. He then explained that he had laid a package of notes beside the phone when he called, walked away and left them. Fortunatly some kind soul turned them over to the desk, better then twenty thousand face, but George was quite shaky for a while.

Little new to report. Have added just nothing of late not too much time to correspond and now with the cold spell, it is more fun to sit by the fire and read. While we have not had weather like they have been having in Cleveland and Pittsburg, it has been cold enough down here to nip most of the shrubs and damage a lot of the fruit. Have the storm damage pretty well cleaned up, they are repairing the sea wall now tho it is a little too cold to work. Will finish it this week. As I wrote to a friend in Cleveland yesterday, I think I'll take the blow and they can take the snow, for at least after the blow the sun shines, and if I never see snow again it will be soon enough.

Have finally compiled a list of every National Bank chartered in Florida and am now working on my Ohio list. I had it pretty well lined up but had Bill Dillston check me and he added a number of the newer banks which I did not have record of. Don't know what good it will ever do anyone but I am still picking up any bank in either state which I do not have. I have finally worked up a nice list of the Flrodia state bank notes, have determined pretty well the order of their issue. the plate letters, the demominations issued, the signers, the engravers or printers, and some other pertinent data. Am waiting for a check on a number of notes from another Florida collector, and then hope to call it complete. May make an exhibit over in Gainesville at the University of Florida, for a few months. They have asked me to.

Am called to lunch by my better half so will sign off. $5.00 enclosed for the note you sent and thanks, also for the look see at the four notes. Write when you find the time and kindest regards.

Cordially,

Harley

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
ORMOND BEACH
FLORIDA

Nov. 5, 1951.

Dear Eric:

It seems to me that I wrote you last but that was so long ago that I could be wrong. Your last letter in my file is under date of Nov. 22nd last year so our correspondence has lagged. Temperature today is down in the sixties, dropped to forty last nite, so am spending the day indoors and digging into my files and catching up on most everything.

Numismatically things have been rather quiet in Florida. I have added to my Florida collection and a few to my odd denomination collection. Very little activity in the Colonial and Continental series and have disposed of my United States currency and National Bank note collection, which was the largest part of my holdings. Stlll have a few coins but am seriously considering selling those.

The shell collection grows and grows, both local and world wide specimens. We work Florida from one end to the other looking for new specimens and have been exchanging with other collectors in various parts of the country, also I have imported quite a few from foreign countries and dealers. Space now is our problem for some of them are rather bulky. As a hobby it has not become as expensive as numismatics but it easily could altho the re-sale market is not as good as in numismatics.

I mentioned above that I had added to my Florida collection. I have a few nice notes which I believe you lack and wonder if I can talk you into some swapping? You do not specailize in this state and are only after types. I would like to make my collection as complete as possbile so if you will consider trading I'll list the notes in your collection which I would like in the order I would like them and then you can select from my notes those which interest you and trade me what you will. My notes in most cases are in better condition that those I desire from your collection.

What have you been collecting of late and have you added to your odd denomination collection? They come pretty slowly after a while. I have been trying to pick up one of the 70¢ notes for you but so far, no luck. Let me hear from when you find the time and warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harley

November 8, 1951

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
353 South Atlantic Avenue
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

Just like you have been working on shells, I have been concentrating on early atlases of America, principally those published in this country prior to 1830. It is a fascinating hobby and one about which people know very little.

Of course I will be glad to try to satisfy your Florida desires so let me know what you want to do and will try to work something out.

What I am disappointed about is the fact that all your Missouri National bank notes of the early period were disposed of to Mel without having an opportunity to get them. The minute I ask Mel for them he will raise their prices fantastically. I am wondering if you still kept them or if you can obtain them from him on some basis.

It is always nice hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

EPN;atb

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
ORMOND BEACH
FLORIDA

Nov. 18, 1951.

Dear Eric:

Sorry about all the Missouri Nationals but if you recall, about a year ago I offered to swap you Missouri National Bank notes for some of your Florida Broken Banks and did not get a rise out of you. I had in mind at that time that I would consider any reasonable offer for my currency collection, in fact, I had talked to a couple of dealers regarding the Legals, Silver, Fed. Res. notes etc. but thought that I might keep my National Banks. Well, the result is that I sold everything except my Florida large and small notes and my Cleveland, Ohio Nationals. At first Mehl was planning to keep them himself but guess he decided to dispose of some of the collection. There are a lot of real rarities in the collection, especially some of the early western territorials and the southern first charter notes, black charter notes and two denomination items, but he may have a little trouble with my Ohio collection as there is hardly enough of a market to absorb several hundred notes of that state alone.

I appreciate how you feel about early atlases. I have never collected them but do occasionaly pick up maps, especially of Florida, and they facinate me. My earliest is a Spanish map of 1746. Shells of course are a different matter and we continualy add to our collection but like paper money, new ones come slowly as our Western Atlantic collection now numbers something over eight hundred varieties and about all we lack are the rare deep water types and dredging is pretty expensive and hard work.

Have just rechecked my Florida duplicates against the records I made of the notes in your collection and do not find as many which you lack as I thought I had, however, I am enclosing seven Florida notes which may interest you and about [illegible] various other notes which I hope appeal to you more than Floridas do, tho with the exception of a couple of the Ohio items, none of them are rare. Don't [illegible] if you collect Business College currency, Muscalus does and would like to have a couple of these but I thought his offer a little low. At any rate, look this stuff over and if you find any that stike your fancy, send me what you wish from the enclosed list.

I am listing the Florida notes in your collection in the order that they interest me, not in any attempt at rarity, but I am trying to round out my own collection, fill in the issues I lack and the notes I lack to complete a full sheet, and then some day be able to show as nearly a complete set of early Florida currency as it is possible to obtain. Some of these notes are only different plate letters than mine but you know how they were printed four to a sheet and I am trying to re-constituct thosesheets.

No. 1, $10.00 Bank of Pensacola, Jan. 1, 1836 #797

2, 1.00 " " " , Mar. 1o, 1840 #3530

3, 5.00 The Farmers Bank(Marianna), Apr. 22, 1839

4, 2.00 " " " " proof

5, 10.00 The Commercial Bank of Florida, payable at the Bank of the United States at Philadelphia

6, 2.00 The Bank of St. Mary's, office at Columbus, Ga.

7, 3.00 " " " " "

8, 10.00 The Commercial Bank of Florida at Apalachicola, Dec. 1835

9, 1.00 Flo rida RailRoad Co, Fernandina

10, #2.00 & $3.00 Florida, Atlantic & Gulf Railroad Co, Jacksonville.

I don't want to deplete your collection of Florida notes for from what I hear you haveone of the really fine collections of B.B. and obsolete currency in the country, but I am hot on this state and on the list I am compiling. I know one other party who spedializes in Florida currency and seeing that he has dropped his A.N.A. affiliation, plan to contact him and if he has lost all interest I may be able to pick up his material. Then I would have something to offer you to replace those which you may have let me have.

I suppose you obtained some of the material out of the Wismer collection, sold by Charles Wormser. He offered some nice material and I obtained most of the Florida notes tho there were only five which I did not have. Some of the other states were pretty nice. By the way, do you have anything in duplicate of the Bank of North America at Philadelphia? I have picked up whatever I could if that bank but still have a long way to go.

Well, wish you luck with Max Mehl and would be interested in what he may sell you and approximatly what prices he asks. I have had a number of letters from friends who are sorry that I did not sell them this and that out of the collection but when I finished, I would have all the common notes on my hands, and the collection, as such, would be of little value. I know of no collection which consists of nothing but rarities.

With kind personal regards, Iam

Sincerely yours,

Harley

P.S.

I have included a couple of counteffeits of the Bank of Geauga, if you are interested in that type of stuff and the two Bank of Ferdandina are pretty darn scarce.

H.L.F.

November 26, 1951

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
353 South Atlantic Avenue
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

Thank you for your letter of November 18. I am now in a considerable "pickle". You never gave me a list of the notes you were interested in and merely put tags in my notes when I sent them to you. I pulled the tags out and threw them away when I put my notes back in my bookcase - so I don't know which notes you want and you don't know which ones you marked. Perhaps you took pictures of them or made some other memos -- anyhow, let me know. I have a $1 Bank of North America, in duplicate, dated about 1862.

With respect to the National Bank notes, I frankly would prefer to avoid writing Mehl and wonder if you would be able to write him. I would be interested in the following items:

$10 Chittenden spinner, Third National St. Louis
$2 Colby spinner, Third National of St. Louis
$1 Colby spinner, First National of Hannibal
$2 Colby spinner, National Bank of the State of Missouri
$2 Colby spinner, Central National of Boonville
$1 Allison new Bates County of Butler
$2 Allison new Bates County of Butler

I would want these individually priced as I have other denominations of each of the foregoing banks. Would you be kind enough to write Mehl and see what he says?

I have nothing against Mehl but the very fact that I want an item makes him put it out of my reach. I have never been able to buy at his auctions and I have

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given up trying to do business with him. It is a peculiar thing how one's relationship with dealers can get started on the wrong foot or the right foot. I am inclined to feel that my friendship with Mr. Johnson was such that Mehl thought he never could sell me anything unless Johnson could not get it for me. I might suggest that you write with the thought that you can only obtain an exchange for certain items for your collection if you can offer something interesting.

Excuse the brevity of this note but D.O.Barrett, of Boys Town, is coming in to see me from Tulsa to ask me to work further on various exhibits in the new PhilaMetic Center in Boys Town, Nebraska. I have about 500 bank notes there now and will probably be asked to change the exhibit to other interesting items.

Sincerely yours,

EPN;atb

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
ORMOND BEACH
FLORIDA

Dec. 15, 1951.

Dear Eric:

Here are the notes you asked about except for the Third of St. Louis, which is probably in my low charter number collection and Max missed it. I don't know if he suspects you are the interested party or not for when I wrote him I tried to give him the impression I had two or three parties involved in a three way deal. I have for that matter but the others are interested in different states.

I have jotted down on the side of the statement the prices I paid, a great many years ago, and the prices I estimated the notes at when I made the deal with Mehl. Of course, Mo. notes are pretty scarce along with some of the other western and southern states and he will have to take a lot lower prices with some of the eastern notes and with the Ohio material, all of which will average up.

Hope you find something of interest here and among the B.B. notes I sent you. I am anxious to work out some sort of a deal for I plan to make an exhibit and give a talk on Fla. paper at our Jan. meeting. If you will check my last letter you will find a list of your notes I would like to swap with you and I believe you can identify them pretty easily as I gave you denomination, name of bank, and note number where I had it.

Return Mehl's letter and statement after you are thru together with my material. The seasons greetings to you and yours and may the coming year be a happy and prosperous one for you.

Sincerely yours,

Harley

January 9, 1952

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
353 South Atlantic Avenue
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

I am leaving town today for the East and did not want to do so without returning the National Bank notes to you to return to Mehl. I am a little ashamed to have put you to all this trouble and not to want to take any at the prices Mehl listed but I am afraid it is going to be a cold day in June before Mehl gets the prices he indicates.

I will get to your Florida notes just as soon as I can.

Hurriedly yours,

EPN/atb

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
353 SOUTH ATLANTIC AVENUE
ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA

Feb. 23, 1952.

Dear Eric:

Long time, no hear. Wonder if you have returned from your trip east and managed to relax a little with the old hobby?

Received the National Bank notes you returned and sent them back to Max. Funny, but I have heard from several others who have had some of my former notes from him and some of them feel like you, that his prices are high. Others seem quite pleased to get them at any price. Maybe you are like myself, we started when currency could be had fairly reasonable and don't realize that the new collectors are forcing the darn things up to the sky, at least the scarcer items. He still will have a lot of third charter notes to dispose of before he dells the entire collection.

Drop me a line at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Harley

Owned by Mehl in 1951

Purchased from Harley Freeman

		Mehl's price	Freeman Cost	Condition
$2.00	Third Nat #12949	35-	17	~~Very good~~ ~~Ext fine~~ Very clean
$1.00	1st Hannibal #2922	22.50	12	v. f but with two bad tears
$2.00	Nat Bk of State of Mo #24110	40-	16	Ext fine
1.00	Bates Co Nat of Butler #401 Series 1875	40	17.50	Very fine but tear 1" long repaired
2.00	" " " " #564 Series 1875	40-	16	Very fine
2.00	Central National of Doniville #1248	40-	24-	Ext fine

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
353 SOUTH ATLANTIC AVENUE
ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA

May 2, 1962.

Mr. Eric Newman,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Back about last December, I mailed you quite a number of my notes to look over in the hopes that you might take some of them in trade for some of your Florida material. I suppose you have been busy as h---, ever since, but I myself have recently picked up a few Florida notes, which will eliminate some of your notes from my want list and maybe make trading with you a little more painless, at least from your point of view.

I believe I explained to you that I have been trying to re-construct the plates of the Florida series and the notes in our collection which I lack will help me in that endeavor. After working the new additions into my own collection, the only notes you have which I lack are as follows:

$10.00 Commercial Bank of Florida, Apalachicola. Note #55
2.00 Bank of Florida, Marianna, proof
3.00 " " "
1.00 The Florida Railroad Co. Fernandina, Jan. 1, 1861
3.00 Bank of Commerce, Fernandina
3.00 The Bank fo St. Mary's, Columbus, Ga. Apalachicola
25¢ Bank of St. John, Jacksonville, Feb. 22, 1862

I am enclosing two additional duplicates from my own collection for your consideration. Hope that you can find enough of interest in the notes I sent you, together with these two, to let me have the above seven notes. On the basis of scarcity I know that some of my notes are equally as rare as the Florida items, but my only interest lies in this one state.

Trust that you are adding to some of your numerous numismatic lines. Except for this little windfall, my own activities have been rather slow. We plan to take in the New York Convention this fall and would enjoy renewing your acquaintance up there if you plan to attend.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harley

June 18, 1952

Mr. Harley Freeman
353 South Atlantic
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

By now you must think I am lower than the bottom for not answering your correspondence. I really have no excuse other than I have too much correspondence and, among other things, just got back from an extensive trip to Europe. By the way - a trip to Europe, I guess, is a good excuse but - I won't use it.

If I waited much longer to answer your letter you probably would have all the bank notes which you wanted from me and my entire problem would be solved. Why I go into such a psychological coma when it comes to parting with items in my collection I do not know but it is most difficult for me to do so. I at least had to wait until I could bring myself around to such a procedure.

I am returning all of the items you sent me except for the 25¢ and $10 Bank of St. John's, $20 Bank of Fernandina and $100 Central Bank of Pennsylvania. I am enclosing for you $10 Commercial Bank, $3 St. Mary's, $1 Florida Railroad and 25¢ St. John's. This is a swap on an equal basis which I am doing to help you but I have all of the other notes which you sent me and if you want the other Florida notes very badly you ought to send me something in nice colonials.

I do not plan to be at the New York convention as the one convention I went to many years ago cured me for all subsequent conventions.

I am working on a revision of Wayte Raymond's colonial section for the standard catalogue, writing a few articles on subjects that there is almost no information on so that, numismatically, I have done my part.

Mr. Harley Freeman June 18, 1952

Incidentally, I have been trying for months to try to find out what the initials "E.G." mean on the Continental dollar and I wonder if you have any theories,rumors or guesses.

I think I have uncovered some tremendously important information with respect to counterfeit halfpence made in America. A find of copper coins in a kettle in Connecticut has helped me considerably as I have, for many years, been trying to distinguish between American made and British made halfpence. I am trying to trace hubs as well as die connections and little punches and, frankly, I am beginning to agree with my wife that I am "nuts". It is at least one of the few colonial fields which has never been properly investigated.

I am in a wild and furious correspondence with Walter Breen who writes me lengthy letters which give me so much information I cannot help but try to find out the things in which he is interested. He seems to be a brilliant numismatic student but, not having met him, I cannot tell whether he is more or less eccentric than the rest of us.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

EPM/atb

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
353 SOUTH ATLANTIC AVENUE
ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA

June 27, 1972.

Dear Eric:

All is forgiven and it is really nice to hear from you again. I had begun to wonder if you had ever received my various letters or if maybe you had skipped the country, and was just on the verge of writing you again, but the European trip excuses everything and then, isn't that title,"Secretary", something new? Which also accounts for you being extra busy.

Thanks also for exchanging some of your notes for some of mine. I can imagine how you feel, giving up things which you have considered part of your collection for a long, long time, and frankly, if I were in your place, I question if I would do such a thing. Yet, in the past, I have parted with a few items which I considered rather choice but some other party was specializing and I only had a few of them, so I let them go.

You suggest something in nice colonials as a possible swap for the few remaining notes which you have, that I lack. Do you mean coins or paper? I have none of the former but might score up a couple of notes which you do not have. However, I have disposed of just about all of my colonial paper money duplicates, except for some eighty or more Continentals, and speaking of Continentals, I have finally managed to obtain a Yorktown note with the signature of James Wilson, one of the Signers, and the only note I know of with his signature. Jim Clarke promised it to me in his will but finally broke down and traded it to me.

Will be interested in your article on the colonials when Ormond publishes it. I seldom hear from Wayte. Guess he must be off me for not sending him new material for his catalogues, but one never even gets a mention from him and some day I still believe I will publish an article on Colonial Paper Money. Can't help you on the initials "E.G", either.

By the way, are there any B.O. notes from Missouri, and do you have any duplicates? Especially in the $20.00 or $50.00 denominations. I can not recall seeing too many from that state, and my denomination collection is low in the above. Let me hear from you at your convenience and again, thanks.

Sincerely, Harley

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
353 SOUTH ATLANTIC AVENUE
ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA

Oct. 15, 1952.

Dear Eric:

Just a short note to tell you I enjoyed your articles in the July-August Coin Collector's Journal. I had never paid too much attention to the Continental Dollars before and have never owned one, but your article brought out phases that I did not know before, and frankly, I never knew about the extra "E", on the 1/6th dollar notes, before. You have evidently done considerable research on this subject.

Am enclosing a St. Louis item which has just been sent to me. Do you know it? Has the 40, in the upper left and right corners, any significance other than the No. 40, N. Fourth St. in the address. I was looking for odd denominations notes and the dealer sent me this.

Still am working away at Florida currency. My notes are gradually shaping up and I am beginning to make sense out of the various issues. Located a chap the other day who has about one hundred notes and I hope soon to get a chance to look them over. Also have dug up some additional information from old Florida records which have been of some help, but early Fla. records are hard to find and there are just no early newpaper files available.

Return this at your convenience. Regards and best wishes and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Harley

October 21, 1952

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
353 South Atlantic Avenue
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

Thanks for your nice words with respect to my research on Continental Dollars. You are right that I did do a lot of research. It had puzzled me for years as to why the Continental Congress began a number of their issues with $2 bills and not $1 issues. In the middle of one night I woke up and realized that the coin dollar was the answer. I do not think anyone has ever presented that before.

The spelling matters are merely part of my combing through endless evidence to try to figure the matter out. I don't think anybody knew about the extra "E" in "CURRENCEY" but since I have the pewter coin with the extra "E" I was trying to find out from what that was copied and struck it by accident.

I am continuing with some other revolutionary research on coins but you will have to wait a year or so until my data is complete enough to disgorge.

I would very much like to have the St. Louis advertising slip which you sent. The "40" has no significance as there is "50" on some and "40" on others and I have about four or five other varieties but this variety is in German instead of English to appeal to the German population in the area. It has very little value as I have been acquiring these advertising notes for 25¢ to 50¢ each but, unless you positively want it, just tell me what the dealer is asking.

I have something which I am sending you under separate cover and that is an early map of Florida and surroundings with a detail of St. Augustine Harbor, etc. It was done by the famous geographer, Herman Moll, between 1709 and 1736. I

Mr. Harley L. Freeman

paid four pounds for it in England. I am sure you will enjoy having it and if you want to send me anything else I will be more than delighted.

I am glad you are making progress on your Florida issues and look forward to seeing them the next opportunity I have to be in Florida.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
353 SOUTH ATLANTIC AVENUE
ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA

Oct. 30, 1952.

Dear Eric:

Received the map and am glad to have it. Don't know what the exchange is at present on the English Pound, so if you will tell me in plain U.S dollars what the damage amounts to, I'll mail you a check. I have a number of Florida maps but this is the earliest English.

As for the advertising slip, it's yours with my compliments. Don't know what the dealer is going to ask for I have some eighty BB notes from him and will have to make an offer on those I keep, but I assure you it would not amount to a lot.

Will be looking forward to your next article, meanwhile, with the aid of your article and a few of my Continentals, I plan to work up a short talk for one of our coming meetings of the local club. I will see that you receive proper credit in my talk.

Thanks again and will mail the check as soon as I hear from you.

Sincerely,

Harley

November 4, 1952

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
353 South Atlantic Avenue
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

Thank you very much for the advertising slip for the North Missouri Railroad. As I indicated to you, I am very delighted to have it as part of the German background of this area.

I am delighted I am doing you some good by enabling you to use some information from my article as a basis for a talk on Continental currency, etc. which you are going to give your club. You know much more about the paper money than I do but ever since I got my first sheet of Continental currency I have been wondering why a $1 note was not on the sheet. That rankled in back of my brain for no less than five years before it dawned on me that the Continental pewter dollar was the answer.

As I told you, I will be glad to take duplicate colonials, or anything, in exchange for the map, but if you insist on buying it, please deduct the cost of the Missouri advertising slip. A pound is worth $2.80 so you can figure out whatever you want to. I had more fun poking through the dusty maps in the shop in Scotland where I bought this map than I have had in a long time.

If you are interested in any specific maps of Florida please let me know and I can get more of them from England. The best source I have is Francis Edwards, Ltd. 83 Marylebone High Street, London W.1, England.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

November 4, 1952

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Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

November 21, 1952

Mr. Harley Freeman
353 South Atlantic
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

You caught me at a weak moment and I, therefore, would feel myself too much of a selfish collector if I did not part with the two Florida notes you want. I am enclosing them.

I am also returning one of the little New Hampshire notes. I have retained the other New Hampshire note, the Rhode Island and the New Jersey. I really don't want the New Jersey but am just doing it to help balance off. What are your other colonial duplicates, as I feel I should have a nicer item in place of the New Jersey.

You are right that I never did get those two New Hampshire items from Eisenberg. I do not recall exactly what happened but his prices were subject to change on a whim.

I notice there is a map of Florida, by Jeffreys, for $10 at the Central Book Store in Chicago. There is a Colton 1855 map of Florida for 15 shillings in England. There is a Mitchell 1846 of Florida for the same price in a London catalogue. None of the foregoing are exciting enough for me to recommend them.

I am just about to treat myself to the most gorgeous atlas ever made - a Blaeu. Something tells me I ought to stick to numismatics but a little adultery is justifiable if your wife has a more substantial interest in it.

There is a question I always wanted to ask you, and that is, how extensive your colonial and continental paper money collection is by now. You must be well on your way to two thousand different items. I will be interested in

knowing, by State, what your total is. I have about 750 in my collection.

My very kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
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ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA

Nov. 16, 1952.

Dear Eric:

Since your recent letter indicated an interest in exchanges, rather than cash, for the map of Florida, I have looked thru my few remaining duplicate Colonials and have turned up the following. A year or more ago, I had three or four hundred Colonials and Continentals, tho most of them were the more common varieties. Sold them all to two different dealers and now only have about a dozen, and some of them are duplicates of the enclosed N.J. note, which is rather common but I had a chance to pick up several of them a few years back and they seemed like a good buy.

The 2 New Hampshire notes are of the same vintage as the 2 which were sent to you, some years back, by the dealer in Boston, who has since moved to New York. I believe he had a tag of thirty dollars each on his notes. I was visiting in Boston at about the same time you mailed the notes to me, and we sort of messed up a three way deal, which did not materialize. I figured the notes were worth at the most, about ten dollars each and I don't believe you ever took them up, after you mailed them to me. I could have used both of them and have been holding these 2 notes with the idea of sometime trying to contact Eisenberg, and if he still had the notes, offering to swap for the different denominations which he had. Then he just went out of the market and only recently has turned up in New York as a dealer. They are rare, but in my opinion, not thirty dollar items.

Well, here are 2 N.H. items, which I have at a price of about fifteen dollars each, a scarce R.I. note, which you may already have, and a common N.J., in nice condition. Anything here of interest? If you should be interested in one or more, for the map, and the balance is heavy on my side, you still have two Florida items which interest me and I have only been trying to get something really attractive to send off to you for a trade. You have a 2.00 and 5.00 on the Farmer's Bank of Florida, at Marianna, especially the 2.00, which I could use to complete a series. The 5.00 has different signatures than any I have seen and I am inclined to think the signatures not genuine. That is my interest in that denomination.

Look these over, if interested, you suggest and forget my fifteen dollar price on the notes, if no sale, shoot them back and I'll mail you a check or try to dig up something else. Forget the St. Louis itme, it cost me about fifty cents and I was glad to find a place to put it. I like that kind of stuff from my home town or state. Thanks for the offer on the maps. I do not collect any specific maps of Florida, just pick up those which look interesting. When you next contact your London dealer, ask him to list what he may have and I'll be glad to look it over. Kind regards and all that,

Sincerely, Harley

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
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Dec. 6, 1952.

Dear Eric:

Thank heaven for those weak moments of your's. Those 2 Florida notes fill a gap that has bothered me and I'm glad that you were willing to exchange. The only other duplicates I have at present, are the 2 enclosed notes of Georgia. The 1777 issue is darn scarce, these are different border varieties and I have been saving them for the past five years hoping to get to New York and try swapping them to Wayte Raymond for 2 borderd of the same ~~variety~~ NJ, which he has and I lack. There seems little danger of my getting to N.Y. and probably Wayte would not even consider the trade, so if you can use one of them, take your choice, and also keep the N.J. note. Maybe you can exchange it for something you want.

Guess I'll pass up the Florida maps you list. I do not know enough about them to identify them by their maker, as you list them. I only select those which appeal to me and which depict an era that I do not already have. I have a number of them from the 1823-1850 period. I will appreciate you advising me of any especially interesting ones which may come to your attention.

While I do not know the Blaeu, which you hope to obtain, I did see some seperate maps under that name, listed in a recent Goodspeed catalogue. Maybe that is where you are getting your copy.

I have not totaled my Continentals for some years now and frankly, my records are really not up to date. It is a shame the way I have neglected this series tho I do buy everything which comes to my attention, which I lack. Even the dealers do not send me material when they turn it up, the way they used to do. Maybe they figure that I am out of the market, after Hall announced the purchase of my currency. He wrote me recently that he had the collection listed and on approval as a whole, to a party, tho he has sold off a few notes, most of which I had more than one. If this deal does not go thru, he plans an auction.

Back to my Colonials. I have close to two thousand varieties and probably five hundred others with different signatures. I'll try and make a colony by colony check in the next few months and let you know what I have. Of course, Georgia, with the various border varieties is one of the largest, tho Penna. leads the list. Just before Jim Clarke passed away, he traded me his Yorktown, with the James Wilson autograph, the only one I have ever seen, and I have recently had it checked by two competent authorities and both have OK'd it. Jim promised it to me in his will, and must have figured his time was short, for I got it just a short time before he went.

Hope one of these notes will even us up. If no sale, I'll be on thewatch for something else. Regards and all that.

Sincerely,

Harley

December 9, 1952

Mr. Harley Freeman
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Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

I ran across a token of the Florida Exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition and thought it would fit nicely in your collection. Will you be kind enough to deposit it there.

Thanks for the Georgia notes. I will work on Raymond the next time I see him and if I can do something on your behalf I will be delighted.

With respect to the Dallas convention next summer, they are trying to work up a lot of interest and Philpott will have his entire collection on exhibit, they tell me. They have also asked me to exhibit my Confederate half dollar and a number of items from my collection and I would not be surprised if they make the convention very exciting. I don't go to conventions since I am not interested in politics, drinking or bylaw arguments but I am more tempted to go to the Dallas convention than I have ever before. Perhaps you, too, might be so influenced.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
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ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA

June 26, 1953.

Dear Eric:

Just browsing thru some old correspondence and see that the last letter from you was dated in Dec. 1952. I don't recall if I ever replied but believe I did because it was filed in "Correspondence Answered". However, the object of this letter is a note I recently picked up. It seems to me that you lacked a 50¢ denomination and I suggested at one time that I believed I could locate another specimen. Well, I did and here it is. If you already have one, send it back for I have two other collectors in Jacksonville, waiting for one. If you lack that particular denomination, keep this.

Am still pecking away at Florida and now have close to five hundred notes of different types, plate letters, and signatures. Read a paper before the Florida Historical Society, a few months back and they want me to work up a couple of articles for publication. Am finally digging up some interesting information on the early banks and getting considerable cooperation from several sources. Swapping notes with anyone who will trade me something I lack for something they do not have, and getting photostats when I can not get the notes. Managed to pick up a Union Bank of Florida Bond, not so long ago, which was one of the Territory's great mistakes.

Do you get Dave Bullowa's auction lists? I don't either but he sent the local Club a copy of his sale of two weeks ago, and being secretary, I got the catalogue. He had a few nice WD, Penna, Del., and other colonials and I bid on several of them. Have you bought anything along that line lately? Neither have I and was surprised to have to pay fifteen dollars or more for three different notes and lost everything on which I bid less than $2.50 per note, even the common Penna. It sure was a surprise. Paper money must be coming into its own.

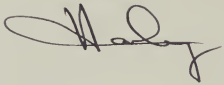
I have bought, in the past year, several nice large denomination bank of the United States notes. $1000, 2000, 3000, 5000, $20,000. I only lack the ten. Have also added some Bank of North America notes, which for no good reason, I collect, but I believe there are several others working on that same bank.

Guess I've covered about all the high spots in my ordinarily activities. Have added no other name since the one I got from you, tho I have seen a couple of rat or recent ones offered. If your lists ever do show any work with early ones, please let me know.

Let us hear from you when you have the time. I don't believe we will try the Dallas convention this year. Just too darn hot in Texas in August, and you, coming from a hot town, probably won't notice it. I'll take the ocean breezes every time.

Regards and all good wishes,

Sincerely,



October 29, 1953

Mr. Harley L. Freeman
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Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Harley:

Is my face red! Your letter got buried in my unanswered correspondence and you do not deserve such treatment. In a few days I am leaving for Morocco for my summer vacation and I hope to have some interesting experiences.

You were nice enough to send me a 90¢ note of the City of Lynchburg and it was a little better than mine so I made a swap and am returning my specimen. You may be able to obtain some new item for it. What I really need is a 70¢ note and if you have one of these I would be very grateful.

Your collection of Florida is nothing short of fantastic and I am looking forward to a time when I can have the opportunity of seeing it. By all means work up an article for publication on it and illustrate the article profusely.

I have been doing an enormous amount of work on the Machin's Mill mint and am just about ready to prepare my monograph. I have concluded that the Confederatio series as well as the Inimica Tyrannis are both patterns for Federal coinage. That is an exciting bit of proof to be able to present at this late date.

It is amusing that Bank of the United States notes are being sought after at the present time but that is true. Things seem to be popular for a short time and then disappear into oblivion. People like ourselves are not affected by popularity and as a result end up with nice collections.

Along the line of colonials I think I have a very nice collection of counterfeit Continentals. I have variations of given denominations of the same date. Until Scott wrote his recent book for A.N.S. there was no easy way of judging the quantity of State colonial notes and I imagine we could really find a lot of counterfeits among our genuine if we tried.

October 29, 1953

There is an article which may be published on the counterfeiting in Pennsylvania and that will be interesting. It will, however, be a discussion of the various trials and court records rather than a mumismatic study.

I am still adding to my bank note collection and finally succeeded in getting a set of the Territory of Wisconsin notes of 1842.

Incidentally, do you own the $500.00 State of Florida note? I have been trying to get that item for years and I wonder who is the lucky owner as I only have a couple of holes in my entire collection of State issues of the southern States. I have a unique specimen of a $500.00 Virginia but Florida still escapes me.

My very best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

HARLEY L. FREEMAN
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Nov. 30, 1953.

Dear Eric:

Have no idea when you will be back from your vacation but this will be waiting if you are not already back. Hope you enjoyed your trip, but I know you will for I have had reports on some of your former vacations. I am corresponding with a chap in Spanish Morocco, who wants to exchange shells with me, but so far we have not shipped to each other. My wants are rather limited to certain genus for a general collection from all over the world takes much too much space. We now exchange with parties in a number of foreign countries as well as buying from foreign dealers direct.

Am glad you could use the 90¢ note. I'll still try to get you a 70¢ of the same issue. I have added a number of interesting denominations, media of exchange, odd type notes, etc. to my collection, including the $20,000 Post Note of the Bank of the United States. I had the 1-2-3-5-thousand dollar notes. And I also picked up a set of the Territory of Wisconsin notes which I was especially happy to get because the 5 had the figure of the Indian which is shown on some notes as Tecumseh and on others as Nehamathla, one of the Seminole chiefs. I now have that figure on five different banks, all from the same plate.

Yes, I have the $50-$100-$500 notes of Florida of the 1865 issue. There was no $500 issued in 1861, from all records that I have examined and I have crossed Bradbeer's No. 1, off the list. Of the other denominations I have up to six different lithographic plates of each denomination of 1861 and 1862. So far I have worked out no pattern or arrived at any definate decision on these issues but hope soon to get over to Gainesville and Tallahassee and do a little more research.tho most of the state records were destroyed by the Union army.

Your $500 Virginia item sounds good. I recently acquired a collection of over 300 Virginia notes and about 70 Colonials from the same colony, or did I tell you about this? I don't know why I bought them but there were a number of oddities which appealed to me and some of the colonials were pretty nice. The dealers are hounding me for the duplicate colonials but I have not tried to dispose of the others.

I loaned a number of my Colonial counterfeits to Scott for another article he is working up. He sent me his Virginia article and his Penna. one has not been printed. The notes Hoober is using to illustrate his article on Virginia currency, are all mine, and now some chap in South Carolina is working up something on that colony for his doctorate in Winthrop College and today I mailed him photostats of notes of that colony.

Your monograph on the Machin's Mill sounds interesting and I will look forward to seeing it. I believe I told you I reviewed your article on the Continental Currency at our local club together with an exhibit of both coins and currency.

Have you acquired any duplicates of any kind, colonial, broken banks, scrip ? I'm interested in looking them over if you have any. Don't know what I can offer in exchange but I may have something.

Well, that about covers your questions and my latest acquisitions. Will be glad to hear about your trip when you have the time and always enjoy your letters.

With warm regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Harley